*[Translation from Bulgarian]*

***Appendix E***

**FINANCIAL MECHANISM OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA 2014-2021**

**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**

**"RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENERGY SECURITY" PROGRAM**

**PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS**

***"Use of geothermal energy for heating or for heating & cooling in state or municipal buildings”***

**DECLARATION**

**ON THE DEFINITIONS OF IRREGULARITY AND FRAUD**

I, the undersigned ................................................................................................... (*full name*), in my capacity as ................................................................................... .................................................... in / of …............................................................,

UIC .........................,

**in connection with the concluding of a Grant Contract for the implementation of a project ........................................................** (*project number and title*) **under the Project Selection Procedure *"Use of geothermal energy for heating or for heating & cooling in state or municipal buildings”* under the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security Program**,

**hereby declare that I am familiar with:**

**1.** **The definition of irregularity**, namely:

An irregularity under Article 12.2 (1) of the Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (the Regulation) shall mean an infringement of:

(a) the legal framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 referred to in Article 1.5 of the Regulation;

(b) any provision of European Union law; or

(c) any provision of the national law of the Beneficiary State,

which affects or prejudices any stage of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State, in particular, but not limited to, the implementation and/or the budget of any programme, project or other activities financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

**2.** **The definition of fraud**, namely:

Fraud affecting the financial interests of the European Communities under Article 1 (1) of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests shall consist of:

(a) in respect of expenditure, any intentional act or omission relating to:

* the use or presentation of false, incorrect or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the misappropriation or wrongful retention of funds from the general budget of the European Communities or budgets managed by, or on behalf of, the European Communities;
* non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation, with the same effect;
* the misapplication of such funds for purposes other than those for which they were originally granted,

(b) in respect of revenue, any intentional act or omission relating to:

* the use or presentation of false, incorrect or incomplete statements or documents, which has as its effect the illegal diminution of the resources of the general budget of the European Communities or budgets managed by, or on behalf of, the European Communities;
* non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation, with the same effect,
* misapplication of a legally obtained benefit, with the same effect.

**3. The indicators for irregularities and fraud** set out in the Information Note on the Fraud Indicators under the ERDF, ESF and CF of the Committee of the Coordination of Funds (COCOF 09/0003/00-EN).

**I am aware of the criminal responsibility under Art. 313 of the Criminal Code for declaring untrue circumstances.**

Date of declaring: …………………………

Declarer:

  (Signature)